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1. Ric Edelman, personal finance expert, Chairman/CEO of Edelman Financial Services, LLC

Mr. Edelman has devised a planned he calls "baby bonds," targeting retirement security. The plan would act as a supplement to Social Security, but it could eventually replace it. The plan would not be at the expense of taxpayers or government borrowing. He said at birth, children would receive an account with \$7,500 via money from investors in government bonds, similar to Series EE bonds. He said an investment at birth in this type of proposal would grow to become the equivalent of an average person's Social Security benefit.

Issues covered:
Personal Finance
Retirement Planning
Parenting

2. **Harrison Fell, PhD,** Associate Professor of Energy Economics at North Carolina State University

Prof. Fell shared the results of his recent study that found that the environmental benefits of renewable power generation vary significantly, depending on what type of conventional power generation that the renewable energy is replacing. He explained why environmental benefits often cross regional lines. He said he hopes that his findings will help target future renewable energy investments in places where they can have the greatest impact.

Issues covered:
Renewable Energy
Environment
Government

3. **Mical Raz, M.D., Ph.D., M.Sc.,** Associate Professor of History at the University of Rochester, physician at the University of Rochester 's Strong Memorial Hospital, author of "Abusive Policies: How the American Child Welfare System Lost its Way"

Black children are removed from their families at much greater rates than any other ethnic group. Dr. Raz discussed the role of race, poverty and substance abuse in the issue. She said most custody investigations relate to neglect, rather than sexual or severe physical abuse. She believes parents accused of neglect should retain custody of their children while receiving additional government support and assistance.

Issues covered:
Child Abuse/Neglect
Minority Concerns
Poverty

